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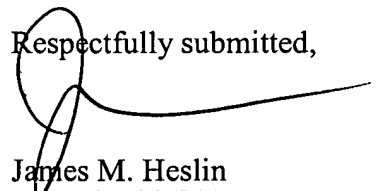
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicants have amended claims so that only a single independent method claim and a number of dependent claims remain. It is believed that the claims, as amended and added, fall within the scope of Group I claims as identified in the Restriction Requirement.

**CONCLUSION**

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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